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DEPARTMENT PASS PRESIDENT'S PARTY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN FOR THE SECRETARY'S ATTENTION

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, KU
SUBJECT: AMIR OF KUWAIT DIES; CROWN PRINCE BECOMES AMIR

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1. AMIR OF KUWAIT, SHAYKH SABAH AL-SALIM AL-SABAH, DIED OF
HEART ATTACK ABOUT 0200 LOCAL TIME DEC. 31, 1977 ACCORDING
TO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE HERE AT 0600. HE HAS BEEN
SUCCEEDED BY CROWN PRINCE SHAYKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER
AL-SABAH.

2. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN A

PEACEFUL SUCCESSION. THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS ORDERED FORTY DAYS OF MOURNING, FIRST THREE DAYS OF WHICH WILL BE OBSERVED BY CLOSURE OF ALL KUWAIT GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

3. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12:00 NOON KUWAIT TIME DEC. 31 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISLAMIC CUSTOM WHICH DICTATES PROMPT BURIAL. NEW AMIR AND FAMILY MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CONDOLENCES IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AND ON MORNINGS OF NEXT TWO DAYS.

4. LATE AMIR HAD RULED KUWAIT FOR 12 YEARS, ALTHOUGH IN LAST FEW YEARS, PRESENT AMIR HAD ACTIVELY LED GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT NO CHANGE IN GOK POLICY OR PRACTICE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT SEND MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO AMIR, SHAYKH JABER AL-AHMAD AL-JABER AL-SABAH. AMBASSADOR WILL JOIN DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN PRESENTING CONDOLENCES TO THE NEW AMIR TOMORROW, JAN. 1 AT 0830 HOURS LOCAL. REQUEST THAT PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE BE PROVIDED BY COB DEC. 31 SO THAT IT COULD BE PRESENTED PERSONALLY BY AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING MORNING.
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